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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Application Number	09/839,949
Filing Date	April 19, 2001
First Named Inventor	Jean-Louis Excoffier
Art Unit	1631 ✓
Examiner Name	Channing Mahatan
Attorney Docket Number	VI7017902001

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on 8/19/03. (amendments referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \*
- ii. ☐ Other \*
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iv. ☐ Other \*

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \* months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \*

3. **Fees**

- The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. **50-2518**
- a. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) for \$ 750.00.
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) for () month \$ \_\_\_\_.
- iii. ☐ Other Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.117)

- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_ is enclosed 09/25/2003 CCHAU1 00000066 502518 09839949
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) 01 FC:1801 750.00 DA

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